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SUBJECT: SEAMEN' STRIKE ON SS GALILA IN BREMEN

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1. AFTER THE DISMISSAL OF THE BOSUN BY THE CAPTAIN OF THE ISRAELI SHIP GALILA (WHICH HAD TIED UP IN BREMEN) THE CREW WENT OUT ON STRIKE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE BREMEN HARBOR MASTER INFORMED THE CAPTAIN THAT THE GALILA HAD TO BE MOVED FROM THE MAIN PIER TO A SIDE PIER, IN ORDER TO MAKE WAY FOR OTHER INCOMING SHIPS. THEREUPON THE CAPTAIN TOLD HIS STRIKING CREW THAT A GERMAN CREW WOULD ACCOMPLISH THE JOB. AT THE REQUEST OF THE STRIKERS, THE BREMEN PUBLIC SERVICE AND TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION (OETV) ON OCTOBER 26 MEDIATED BETWEEN THE CAPTAIN AND HIS CREW, AND THE STRIKERS AGREED TO LET A GERMAN CREW MOVE THE SHIP. HOWEVER, ON OCTOBER 27 AT 4 A.M. A HARBOR POLICE DETACHMENT

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BOARDED THE SHIP AND HERDED THE STRIKING CREW INTO ONE

COMPARTMENT, WHILE GERMAN SEAMEN MOVED THE GALILA TO ITS NEW BERTH.

2. THE BREMEN OETV MADE IT CLEAR THAT IT COULD NOT PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THIS MATTER, SINCE THE STRIKE ON BOARD WAS STRICTLY AN ISRAELI AFFAIR. HOWEVER, THE OETV PROMISED ANY DESIRED SUPPORT (MATERIAL AND MORAL) TO THE STRIKING MEN AND THEIR UNION, AND SHARPLY CONDEMNED THE "INTERFERENCE" BY THE HARBOR POLICE IN A LEGAL STRIKE. FURTHERMORE, THE OETV DEMANDED THAT THE SENATOR FOR PORTS, SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT INSTITUTE A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF THE AFFAIR, ESPECIALLY OF THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE HARBOR MASTER, WHO COMMANDS THE HARBOR POLICE.

3. COMMENT: THE BREMEN OETV CONSIDERS THE INTROMISSION OF THE HARBOR POLICE IN THIS INSTANCE AS A SERIOUS ENCROACHMENT ON THE LEGAL RIGHT TO STRIKE. AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, AN OETV SPOKESMAN TOLD US, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO SORT OUT THE CONFLICTING VERSIONS OF THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS, AS NOW RELATED BY THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN AND THE HARBOR MASTER. THE OETV BELIEVES THAT THE SHIP IS LIKELY TO REMAIN TIED UP IN BREMEN FOR ANOTHER TWO WEEKS UNTIL THE CONTROVERSY IS RESOLVED BETWEEN THE OWNER OF THE SHIP AND THE UNION. SCHIFFMAN

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